

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Art Unit: 2419

Examiner: Tsegaye, Saba

In Re: Sundara Murugan  
Case: P4524  
Serial No.: 10/083,313  
Filed: 02/25/2002  
Subject: Method and Apparatus for Implementing Automatic Protection Switching  
Functionality in a Distributed Processor Data Router

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**Response N**